City of Alexandria, Virginia



Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan Amendment

Park and Recreation Commission
Public Hearing
November 18, 2021



Commission Action



Following the Public Hearing, the Commission to provide a recommendation on the proposed Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan Amendment.



Public Hearing Agenda



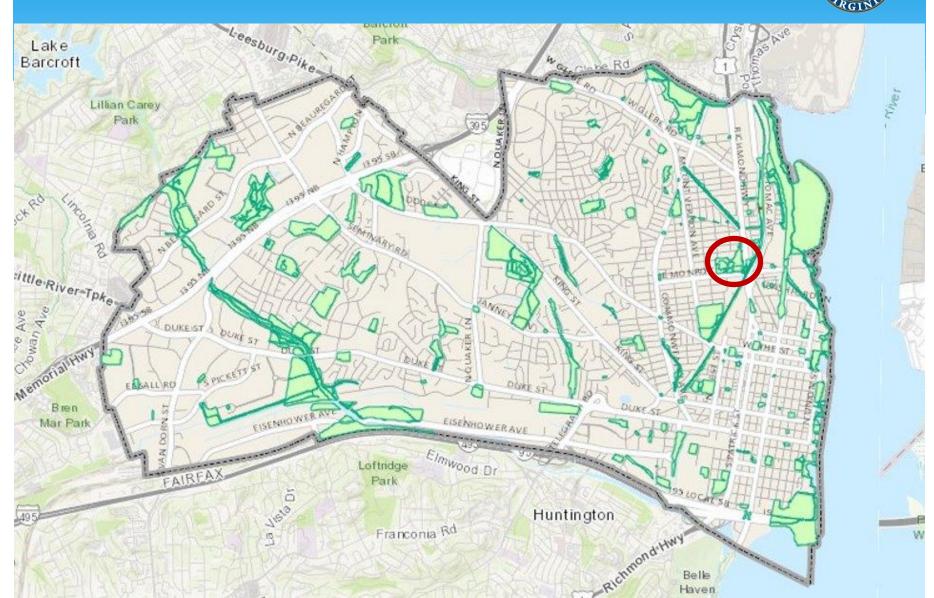
- 1. Staff Presentation
- 2. Commission Questions
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Commission Discussion and Action





Site Location





2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan



KEYED LEGEND

- 1. WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH STANDARD PATHWAY
- ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
- ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
- CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS. IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
- 5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
- USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING
 ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
- 7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE "GREEN ALLEY"
- 8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
- 9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
- 10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
- 11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
- 12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
- 13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
- 14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
- 15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE.
- IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
- 17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD BETWEEN FIELDS
- 18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Note: CIP Funds have already been allocated to install stairs at Monroe Avenue/basketball court and to replace the Little Simpson Press Box in 2014.

GRAPHIC KEY



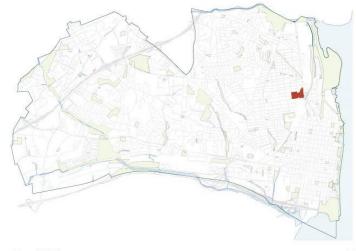
Proposed Plan Amendment



Park and Recreation Commission endorsed on March 20, 2014 with adjustments outlined in endorsement letter

1. New Recommendation: Provide the option to convert one or both existing natural turf diamond fields to synthetic turf.

SIMPSON STADIUM PARK



Community Outreach



Park and Recreation Commission

- July 15
- November 18

Youth Sports Advisory Board

- September 13
- November 9

Field User Group Meetings – October 2021

- Alexandria City Public Schools
- Alexandria Little League
- Alexandria Reds

Written Comments

Community feedback



Diamond Synthetic Field Research



Maintenance Research suggested by the Youth Sports Advisory Board

- Phone Interviews
- Locations recommended by design teams and field users
- Maintenance Impacts

Synthetic Turf Diamond Field Options

- Hybrid natural and synthetic surfacing
- Synthetic turf systems and manufacturers
- Multi-sport options

Commission Questions



KEYED LEGEND

- WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH
 STANDARD PATHWAY
- 2. ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
- 3. ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
- CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
- 5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
- 6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING
 - ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
- 7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE "GREEN ALLEY"
- 8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
- 9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
- 10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
- 11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
- 12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
- 13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
- 14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
- 15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL
 ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE
 AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
- IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
- 17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD BETWEEN FIELDS
- 18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Public Comment



KEYED LEGEND

- 1. WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH STANDARD PATHWAY
- 2. ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
- 3. ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
- CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
- 5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
- 6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
- 7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE
 "GREEN ALLEY"
- 8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
- 9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
- 10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
- 11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
- 12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
- 13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
- 14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
- 15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL
 ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE
 AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
- IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING. TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
- 17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD
- 18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Commission Discussion and Action



KEYED LEGEND

- WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH
 STANDARD PATHWAY
- ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
- ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
- CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
- 5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
- 6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
- 7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE
- 8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
- 9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
- 10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO
- 11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
- 12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
- 13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
- 14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
- 15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL
 - ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
- IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
- 17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD RETWEEN FIELDS
- 18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan Proposed Plan Amendment



Additional information:
Bethany Znidersic, Acting Division Chief
Bethany.Znidersic@alexandriava.gov